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In the course of last year this very beautiful specimen of the art of the 14th century was sold by the owner of the house to which it belonged, and was bought by Lord Brownlow. It was then presented by Lord Brownlow to the county magistrates, who ordered it to be put up in a narrow court in the entrance of Lincoln Castle. It was placed in its new position under the care of Mr. E. T. Willson, architect, of Lincoln, well known to most of our readers.

Syon House and Northumberland House.—The Duke of Northumberland, with much good feeling, is affording facilities for an inspection of Syon House, Isleworth, and Northumberland House, Strand.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS.

The annual meeting of the Institute took place on the evening of the 5th inst., at the apartments of the society, in Grosvenor-street. Mr. C. Fowler, V.P., in the chair. The report and auditor's account showed that the Institute had obtained an accession of seven fellows and sixteen associates during the year, and that the funds had improved, as compared with the corresponding period of last season, by the total amount of 123*l*.

The report contained a reference to the lamented loss of the Marquis of Northampton and Sir Robert Peel, honorary fellows, and of some foreign members. It regretted the want of interest taken by the younger members of the profession in the competition for the medals offered for the best essay and the best design in architecture, and reported that *there were no competitors whatever* in either class. With a reference to the new Buildings' Bill, some praise of the newly-founded Architects' Benevolent Society, and the subscription to Dr. Layard and his researches, the report closed.

A discussion followed on the Buildings Bill, and on the other matters touched upon in the report, but of no great interest or importance.

The election of officers was the next business of the meeting, and on the motion to suspend "the bye-law 23, sect. v.," which declares "that no person who has filled the office of president for two years shall be again eligible to the same situation until a year's interval," an objection was taken that this motion was illegal, there being power in the charter and bye-laws to "alter, vary, and amend bye-laws," but not to suspend them. The Chair-

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